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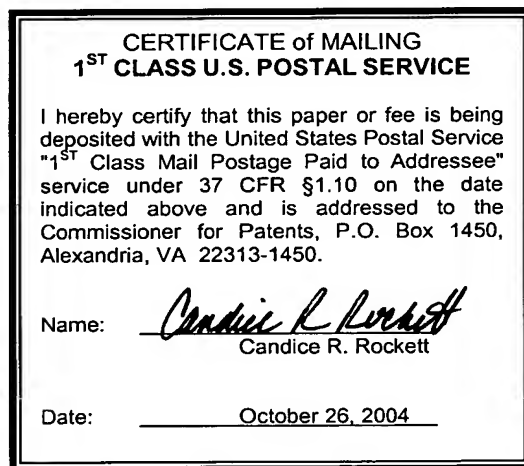
In re Application of: KOVACEVIC, et al.
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Title: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING THE
SIZE OF THE MOLTEN POOL IN LASER-BASED
ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING**

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REQUEST FOR STATUS

Please advise the status of the above-identified patent application. The Filing Receipt was received November 20, 2003. Applicant is currently awaiting a first Office Action.

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REMARKS

Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.702(a)(1), it has been over fourteen months since the filing date of this Application and a Notification under 35 U.S.C. § 132 has not been received. Thus, a period of adjustment of patent term due to examination delay is accruing in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a)(1).

If there are any matters that can be cleared up through a telephone conversation, please contact the undersigned attorney for Applicant at the telephone number listed below.

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